

5 a. said first endpoint activating a multicast communication channel having a first
6 multicast address and commencing broadcast of said data over said multicast
7 communication channel;

8 b. said first endpoint transmitting a request message to each of said plurality of
9 second endpoints in order to query each of said second endpoints whether they can
10 receive transmissions broadcast to said first multicast address;

11 c. certain of said plurality of second endpoints transmitting an acknowledgement
12 message and said first endpoint receiving said acknowledgement message;

13 d. for each said acknowledgement message received from said certain of said
14 plurality of second endpoints which indicates that said certain of said
15 plurality of second endpoints can receive transmissions broadcast to said
16 first multicast address, deactivating said point-to-point communication
17 channel with said first endpoint and said certain of said plurality of second
18 endpoints; and

19 e. terminating said broadcast of said data and said multicast communication
20 channel if a predetermined condition regarding said acknowledgement
21 messages from said plurality of second endpoints is satisfied.